# Development of an Atmospheric Mercury Modeling System for the Great Lakes Region

Progress Report for the Quarterly Period Ending December 31, 2002

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Mercury Analysis Team The Mercury Analysis Team, part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Air Management Program, is responsible for developing an atmospheric mercury modeling system for Wisconsin and the Great Lakes region. Partial funding for this effort comes from a grant awarded by USEPA in October 2001. The team identified seven major areas of work and the lead staff for each as follows:

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- Meteorological Modeling, Wusheng Ji WDNR
- Regional Emission Modeling, Gwendolyn Judson WDNR
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- Data Analyses, William Adamski, Grace Liu & Sanober Durrani WDNR
- Mercury Monitoring, Mark Allen WDNR
- Computer Resources, Mike Majewski WDNR

The Team meets on a regular basis and is the coordinating body for this project providing staff and other interested parties the opportunity to contribute feedback and ideas. During this last quarter, the Team created an Action Plan for calendar year 2003. This document outlines the tasks to complete in 2003, plans for accomplishing those tasks, and a complete work plan analysis. A copy of the Mercury Analysis Team Action Plan is attached to this report. Major tasks planned for 2003 include:

- Quality Assurance of the 1999 NEI for mercury for use in our modeling
- Identification of missing sources in the 1999 mercury inventory
- Analysis of the modeling system's sensitivity to meteorological inputs
- Analysis of Wisconsin's MDN sites
- Secure funding for a study of mercury flux
- Support of HGCAMx development as an atmospheric chemistry-modeling tool.

In addition to the Action Plan, progress was made in several other areas. This document records our progress in each major area for the quarter ending December 31, 2002.

# **Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling**

Wisconsin DNR plans to coordinate our modeling to maximize the use of the particulate and haze modeling being done by LADCO (Midwest Regional Planning Organization). We will evaluate our modeling system for the period of June 20-30, 2001. This will enable us to use the 36-km particulate, ozone and meteorological data from LADCO.

ENVIRON and AER are enhancing the Comprehensive Air quality Model with extensions (CAMx) to include Mercury (Hg) chemistry and deposition for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. During discussions with ENVIRON/AER, Wisconsin agreed to provide technical assistance in developing HGCAMx including:

- MM5 annual run for 2002 using the 36 km National RPO grid and protocol.
- Model ready emissions files for area, nonroad and mobile sources using the NEI version 3 for HAPS.
- Production runs of the draft model to assist in assessment of model performance.

### **Meteorological Modeling**

We conducted few more sensitivity tests with rainfall in this quarter for our new mercury episode, June 20-30, 2001. The purpose of our tests is to find the best set of parameters from the model so that the MM5 will generate a reasonable meteorology field for our mercury episode.

Since the rainfall systems in atmosphere are often closely associated with the cold/warm front, the rainfall estimates are closely coupled with the model's ability to correctly interpolate the warm/cold air mass location and the surface wind/temperature field. After several simulation runs, it seems the moisture scheme with the Reisner graupel over 40 vertical layers produces the most reasonable rainfall field for our tests. The figures below show the comparisons between two model runs, the simple ice with 34 vertical layers and Reisner graupel with 46 vertical layers. Basically, the simple ice with 34-layers generates very good results for the heavier rainfall during the episode, but it misses the weaker rainfall over Wisconsin.

Figure 1 is the radar map at the beginning of the episode, which indicates there is a cold front with intense rainfall from Michigan through Indiana and ending at Texas. There is also a weaker secondary rainfall over Wisconsin and Iowa.

Figure 2 is the modeling result with the simple ice and 34-layers. The figure indicates that the model produces very good results for the deep convection associated with the cold front over the lower part of the domain, but misses the weaker rainfall over Wisconsin/Iowa. Probably it is because the simple ice is not sensitive enough to resolve the weaker rainfall over higher latitudes, and the vertical grid spacing above PBL is too coarse to characterize the weaker circulation.

Figure 3 shows the similar run with the Reisner grauple and 46 vertical layers (after adding 12 additional layers above PBL in the previous 34-layer structure.) Figure 3 illustrates that the model successfully reproduces the weaker rainfall over Wisconsin/Iowa using this scheme.

Figure 4 is the daily rainfall map from NOAA. Figure 5 is the daily rainfall with simple ice and 34-layers. And, Figure 6 is the daily rainfall with the Reisner graupel and 46-layers. These maps again indicate that simple ice with 34-layers misses the rainfall over Wisconsin/Iowa, while the Reisner graupel with 46-layers does not.

So far, we have finished most of our sensitivity runs with rainfall. After a few more tests using a finer grid, we will start our MM5 production run.

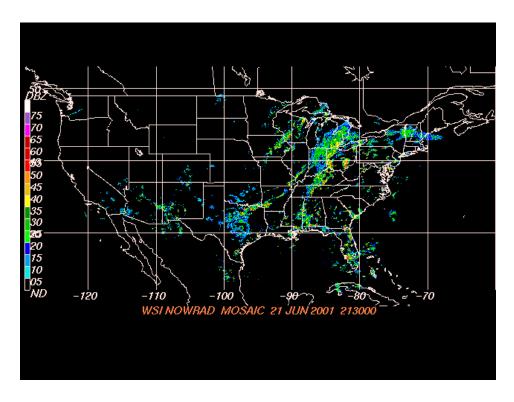


Figure 1: NEXRAD National Mosaic Reflectivity Images for June 21, 2001 at 2130 UTC.

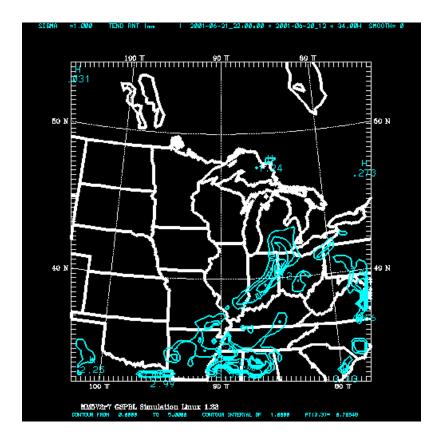


Figure 2: MM5 model with simple ice and 34 vertical layers generated hourly precipitation in the unit of millimeter for June 21, 2001 ending at 2200 UTC with the 36km grid.

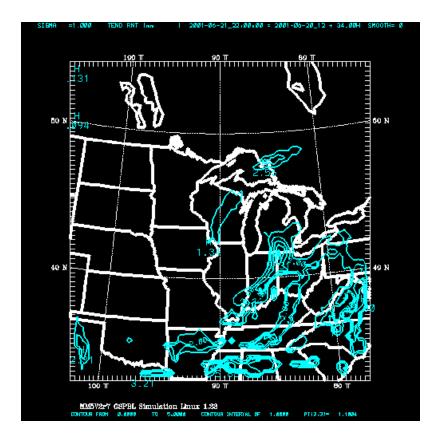


Figure 3: MM5 model with Reisner graupel and 46 vertical layers generated hourly precipitation in the unit of millimeter for June 21, 2001 ending at 2200 UTC with the 36km grid.

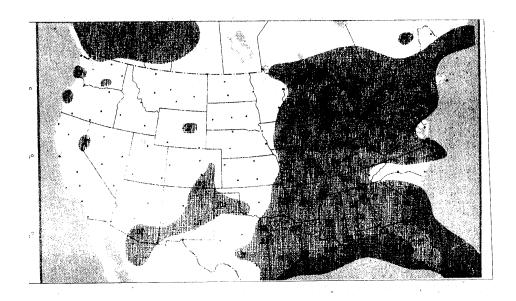


Figure 4: NOAA daily weather maps of precipitation for the previous 24 hours ending at 7:00am EST of June 22, 2001. Shaded areas show at least traced amount of precipitation during the 24 hours time interval.

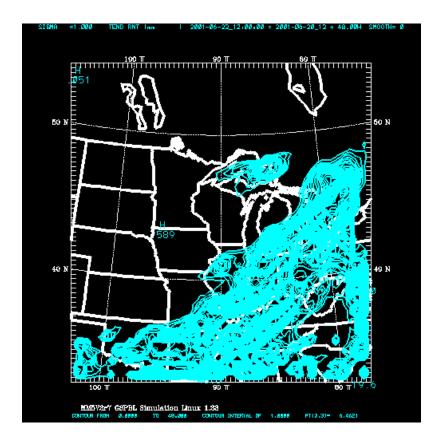


Figure 5: MM5 model with simple ice and 34 vertical layers generated daily precipitation in the unit of millimeter during the front-induced rainfall of June 22, 2001 at 7:00am EST for the 36km grid.

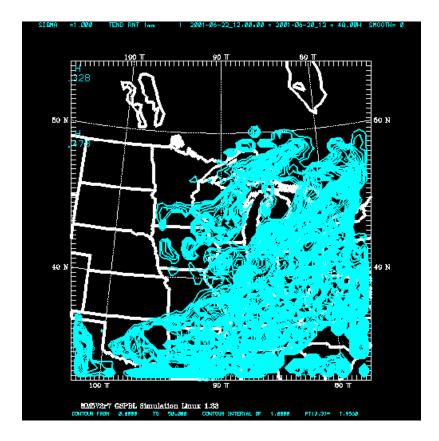


Figure 6: MM5 model with Reisner graupel and 46 vertical layers generated daily precipitation in the unit of millimeter during the front-induced rainfall of June 22, 2001 at 7:00am EST for the 36km grid.

# **Regional Emissions Modeling**

Progress in this area is associated with the work being done to improve the particulate and ozone modeling being done at LADCO. Improvements to the regional emissions modeling capability for particulate and ozone will directly impact model performance for mercury. During this last quarter several evaluations were completed including:

- Testing and evaluating the Carnegie Mellon University Ammonia Model developed by Ross Strader
- Testing and evaluating USEPA's Area Source Emissions Model (ASEM).

# **Inventory Development**

Several tasks related to the 1999 national mercury emission inventory were completed.

- Completed a 2003 emission inventory workplan analysis.
- Acquired and consolidated the 1999 Criteria National Emission Inventory (NEI) final version 2 and the 1999 HAP National Emission Inventory (NEI) draft version 3 into national NIF data files.

- Selected stationary area and nonroad source data from national data files of the 1999
   Criteria National Emission Inventory (NEI) final version 2 and the 1999 HAP
   National Emission Inventory (NEI) draft version 3 associated with processes reporting
   mercury emissions.
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   National Emission Inventory (NEI) draft version 3 associated with processes that
   potentially could be emitting mercury by Source Classification Code (SCC), but didn't
   report any mercury emissions. This data was further partitioned in processes reporting
   throughputs and not reporting throughputs.
- Continued the refinement of the Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan and began the development of detailed QA/QC procedures based on data in the 1999 Criteria National Emission Inventory (NEI) final version 2 and the 1999 hazardous air pollutant (HAP) NEI draft version 3.

Further analysis of 1999 Wisconsin Mercury Emission Inventory was performed.

- Completed Wisconsin portion of Great Lakes Emissions Inventory. This information will be incorporated into the mercury inventory.
- Compared Wisconsin's mercury emission estimates from aircraft, locomotives, and commercial marine vessels to the 1999 HAP NEI draft version 3.

Finally, continuing to assess the magnitude of mercury emissions from poorly quantified potentially significant types of sources, source measurements of mercury were taken in the baghouse attached to an electric arc furnace (EAF). The measured values were of sufficient magnitude to merit further monitoring of EAF emissions in Wisconsin and closer scrutiny of emissions from EAFs in the 1999 NEI. In the 2003, measurements will be taken at potential significant mercury sources including vehicle recyclers, crematoriums and limekilns.

# **Data Analyses**

The archive of newly-reported weekly Hg measurements collected at the four (4) Mercury Deposition Network (MDN) sites in Wisconsin that have been operating since the mid-90s continues to be updated. The MDN data through mid-March 02 are currently posted at the MDN web site.

Mark Allen and Bill Adamski submitted an abstract to propose a field study to the Focus on Energy Environment Research Program (ERP) that would measure bi-directional fluxes in gaseous Hg in the vicinity of several large Hg point sources, especially coal-fired power plants.

### **Mercury Monitoring**

The Wisconsin DNR's Air Program continued an active program for mercury monitoring in the fourth calendar quarter of 2002. Deposition monitoring for mercury continued at five existing sites and started at a sixth urban site. Ambient mercury monitoring was conducted at ground stations and from an aircraft. A summary of the monitoring projects follows.

### **Deposition Monitoring**

Wisconsin has five existing monitoring stations as part of the National Mercury Deposition Network (MDN) operated by the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP). The sites are located at Brule River, Trout Lake, Lake Du Bay, Devils Lake, and Lake Geneva. Four of these sites collect weekly wet deposition samples. A fifth site, at Devils Lake, is operated as an event site where the sample is removed from the collector after each rainfall event. In October a sixth site began operation in Milwaukee. The new site located on the University of Milwaukee's North Campus is the first urban deposition site in Wisconsin. Information about the mercury deposition program as well as historical data for the Wisconsin monitoring stations can be found at the National Atmospheric Deposition Programs web site (http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu/).

### **Ambient Monitoring**

Mercury surveys continued using the portable LUMEX analyzer. This real time analyzer uses spectrophotometric principles to measure mercury in the air. The LUMEX has both a quick response and high sensitivity with a detection limit of 2 ng/m3 of air. The analyzer is subject to periodic baseline drift that limits its usefulness for long-term unattended operations. A major LUMEX survey was conducted at scrape metal recycling facility. Results of that survey are reported in David Grande 11/22/02 memo to Tom Sheffy. The survey found high mercury concentration in facility's stack. The survey found that ambient concentrations near the facility were not elevated above the expected ambient concentrations.

The Mercury Analysis Trailer (MAT) shared with Michigan and Minnesota was not available to the WDNR during the fourth calendar quarter. The WDNR did however have the use of one analyzer from the MAT. During October and early November this TEKRAN analyzer was located at the Madison East Air Toxic Monitoring Station for a study urban mercury concentrations.

### **Aircraft Monitoring**

Aircraft monitoring continued using gold traps for long duration mercury sampling. The gold traps are commercially prepared glass tubes filled with gold-coated sand. The tubes will trap mercury from air drawn through the tubes. At the analysis laboratory, the mercury is thermally desorbed from the gold and the mercury measured using an atomic fluorescence analyzer. The analysis follows the protocol in USEPA Method IO-5. Samples are collected on periodic (approximately 1-in 12 days) aircraft flights. The project began in August 2002 and is expected to run until February 2003. The flights will measure mercury in the air above Lake Superior. On 12/4/02 the monitoring staff gave a report to the Aircraft Monitoring Workgroup titled "EVALUATION OF MERCURY AND NITRIC ACID SAMPLING FROM THE WISCONSIN DNR AIRCRAFT –

FALL 2002". The report showed that the aircraft mercury sampling method was providing valid results.

# **Computer Resources**

No updates for this topic at this time.

# Mercury Analysis Team Action Plan 2003

### Introduction

The purpose of the Mercury Analysis Team is to develop an atmospheric mercury modeling system for Wisconsin and the Great Lakes region including a comprehensive analysis of the emission, transport, transformation, and deposition of mercury to land and water surfaces in the region. In October 2001, the WDNR received a two-year grant from USEPA's Great Lakes National Geographic Initiative to help fund this work.

Accomplishments during the first year of work include:

- revision of the emissions model to handle mercury emissions;
- quality assurance on available mercury inventories to identify missing sources;
- performance evaluation of available mercury chemistry deposition models;
- analysis of the sensitivity of available mercury chemistry deposition models to various input parameters;
- analysis of the quality and impact of available speciation profiles for mercury;
- analysis of the meteorological model, MM5, for simulating rainfall events.

The knowledge gained in completing this work allowed WDNR to participate in the larger community of mercury research. We provided technical analysis of modeling work completed by EPRI for the Wisconsin Utilities Association and a preliminary review of USEPA's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) pilot project at Devil's Lake.

As a result of the analysis of available mercury chemistry deposition models we are partially funding the development of HGCAMx. This is a significant move forward. This model, available in the public domain, will include the best available mercury chemistry and is expected to have better model performance than current mercury models. Delivery is expected in the latter half of 2003.

In addition to supporting the development of and obtaining HGCAMx, the team has identified several goals for the next year. This plan describes in more detail the objectives we have including:

- Creating a 1999 inventory for mercury based on the 1999 National Emissions Inventory/NEI
- Develop modeling system for mercury for the 36km National Regional Planning Organization/RPO grid
- Conduct a test of mercury model sensitivity to meteorological input, specifically rainfall events
- Produce a peer-reviewed final report on our modeling project
- Analyze mercury monitoring needs in Wisconsin DNR
- Propose a field study of mercury flux and seek funding for that project.

The members of the Analysis Team are responsible for a variety of department functions including monitoring, inventory development, regional emissions modeling, meteorological

modeling, photochemical modeling, policy development, and rule development. Most team members have other responsibilities to the air program and are, therefore, unable to devote 100 percent of their time to mercury activities.

To continue to make progress, the team has adopted a strategic approach that includes:

- LADCO Using our partnership with the PM/Haze modeling being done by the Midwest Regional Planning Organization/LADCO. Not only do several team members have a direct responsibility to support the LADCO PM modeling, but many of the issues being addressed by the PM modeling effort can be directly related to issues concerning mercury modeling. By "piggy-backing" on their effort, adopting the same main domain structure and episodes, and giving priority to completing projects we receive from LADCO we bolster our own resources and gain valuable information needed to complete mercury modeling.
- Action Plan Developing an Action Plan with clear goals and assignments that are needed to move forward so that the sparse resources available have the biggest impact possible. As we complete the assignments and projects outlined here, we create a stronger base of knowledge and develop name recognition in the mercury community. These building blocks lay the foundation for future, more ambitious mercury work.

### Plan Narrative

The team has identified the work goals that are essential for us to accomplish in the upcoming year. These goals can be categorized into the following groups:

- Inventory Development,
- Atmospheric Modeling,
- Monitoring,
- Support HGCAMx Development.

### **Challenges**

In designing this Action Plan, members of the Team identified two general challenges that affect every area of our work.

**Name Recognition** - First, our team lacks name recognition in the field of atmospheric mercury. This creates a challenge when trying to obtain financial resources. To address this challenge, the team has identified three courses of action.

- 1. Smaller Projects The team will design and conduct smaller projects. Reducing the scope or complexity will allow for project results to be used to screen the usefulness of a larger or more involved studies and help to direct the focus of additional work. Starting smaller will facilitate project management giving us the best circumstances for a successful project outcome. Reducing the amount of money needed to fund a project will also increase the chance of receiving funds.
- **2.** *Peer Review* The Team will seek external peer review for final modeling and/or research results. Peer review will be beneficial to our credibility and provide important feedback to improve our methods.
- **3.** *Conferences/Education* Team members will identify mercury related conferences and educational opportunities to help expand our knowledge of atmospheric mercury.

**S. 105 Hours** - Second, as team members shift more time to mercury from other programs, the number of hours billed to Air Management's 105 grant is potentially reduced. The bureau needs to bill the minimum number of hours required by the grant or risk losing funds. By using this Action Plan to develop realistic estimates of the time needed to complete Team projects, we can communicate to management the information they need to make work plan decisions that do not adversely affect other programs.

### **Inventory Development**

LADCO is currently using a 1999 inventory for criteria pollutants. Although we will be able to use the inventory they develop for particulates and ozone, we need to develop an inventory of elemental, particulate and divalent mercury. Like the work being done at LADCO, we will use USEPA's 1999 National Emissions Inventory (NEI) as the basis of a 1999 inventory for mercury.

*Task 1: 1999 NEI for HAPs* - Obtain and consolidate the 1999 NEI for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPS) to create a mercury inventory for the modeling domain using the best available estimates.

Delivery of the 1999 NEI for HAPS has been delayed by USEPA several times. We will start with the 1999 NEI Version 3 Draft released in October 2002. Using the draft inventory will allow us to test our quality assurance processors, become more familiar with the data, and perform dry runs of the modeling process.

**Task 2: Canadian Inventory** - Acquire all available Canadian criteria and HAP inventories and convert them into National Inventory Format (NIF) Version 2.

*Task 3: QA/QC* - Implement the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) plan for the mercury emissions inventory drafted to use with the 1999 NEI using the following steps:

- > Use EMS-2001 QA/QC processors that identify data that may not be acceptable for modeling purposes,
- > Compare 1999 Great Lakes States (GLS) emission inventory project database with the 1999 GLS NEI data and resolve conflicts,
- ➤ Compare with 1998 Electric Power Research Institute's mercury database and resolve conflicts,
- > Sum mercury emissions by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code and Source Classification Code (SCC),
- > Document all changes made to the inventory.

*Task 4: Missing Sources* - Identify missing sources of mercury in the modeling domain using the 1999 NEI Version 3 Draft for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) and the 1999 NEI Version 2 Final for criteria pollutants.

The QA/QC plan describes a method for identifying missing sources based on identifying mercury related SCCs. The steps to implement this method include:

- a) Identify SCCs associated with mercury emission processes
- b) Where throughput is reported and emission factors are available, add mercury emissions to processes with SCC/AMS codes associated with mercury
- c) Identify records that have mercury related SCC/AMS codes with too little information to estimate mercury emissions and place those records in separate tables

d) Identify possible missing sources that can be estimated domain-wide using a surrogate such as population or using emission factors for similar processes.

**Task 5: Assessment of Mercury Sources** - Use the Mercury Flow Diagram developed by Barr Engineering Company for WDNR and USEPA's Locating and Estimating (L&E) documents to assess sources of mercury.

Task 6: Inventory Sharing - Share our inventory with partners and other interested parties.

To facilitate sharing of data, the team will identify one person responsible to maintain our "official" inventory. That person will assign a version number to each inventory used for modeling purposes and fully document the sources of emission data and any changes made between updates. We will use a variety of methods to publicize the availability of our inventory including the peer review process, the Team website, and conferences.

### **Atmospheric Modeling**

Current computer resources do not allow us to run a global domain and/or events longer than one year. However, elemental mercury can remain in the atmosphere for well over a year and go around the world several times before being deposited. Because of this, we have chosen to look at the reaction of the mercury chemistry deposition model to a localized event (we have picked rainfall performance over a monitor site) and plan to continue to expand the domain as computing resources evolve.

**Task 1: Run Models** - Run our modeling system for mercury from the raw emissions files through the mercury chemistry deposition model using the following steps:

- a) Set up a 36 km modeling domain covering the eastern US that is identical to the one being used by LADCO for PM/Haze modeling
- b) Choose a modeling episode that coincides with an episode being used by LADCO for PM/Haze
- c) Obtain all the ozone and particulate emission files for the appropriate episode and modeling domain from LADCO
- d) Obtain all necessary processors from LADCO to convert model ready files to REMSAD format
- e) Create model ready 1999 emissions files for mercury.

*Task 2: Model Sensitivity* - Analyze the sensitivity of the modeling process to improving the performance of rainfall estimates over specific Wisconsin MDN monitors using a 4 km nested grid.

Our modeling project is designed to investigate the contribution of the meteorological modeling to mercury chemistry deposition model performance. As we run smaller grids for met modeling, the need for more computer resources increases dramatically. Additionally, running a met model to optimize performance on rainfall can cause worse performance in the mercury chemistry deposition model. Therefore, we will work closely with others using MM5 for photochemical applications that also have interest in accurately predicting rainfall (e.g. forest service, LADCO). This analysis will require us to re-run the domain with a 12 km and 4 km nested grid using the following steps:

- a) Create a 12km grid centered over Wisconsin and a 4km grid centered over at least one MDN monitor in Wisconsin
- b) Create meteorological data using MM5 for the 12 km and 4 km grids
- c) Analyze predicted mercury deposition at the MDN sites by evaluating the impact of using finer grids, analyzing how well rainfall is duplicated over the monitoring sites, and comparing differences in model performance for the MDN sites in the 4km grid.

# *Task 3: Change Models* - Change from REMSAD to HGCAMX for mercury chemistry deposition modeling.

We are using a portion of our grant money to have mercury chemistry built in to CAMX. The model will likely be delivered in the latter half of 2003. We have familiarity using CAMX for PM modeling and expect a relatively easy transition. Until its delivery we will go forward with REMSAD to gain experience with the data flow.

- *Task 4: Emissions Model* Evaluate and update the emission model as necessary. Initially, our emission modeling will be done using EMS-2001. As other options become available, we will evaluate those models to analyze their benefit.
- *Task 5: Draft Report* Write a draft report of modeling results from the 4 km nested grid run. This report will be used for peer review.
- *Task 6: Peer Review* Solicit peer review of draft modeling report. After internal review of modeling results, a list of possible reviewers will be compiled and sent an RFP to peer review our project or a request to provide a review gratis.
- *Task 7: Final Report* Incorporate or respond to comments received on draft modeling report. The final draft will be distributed to interested parties and submitted to USEPA for our grant.

### Monitoring

Currently the air management program monitors mercury using five different methodologies. First, is wet deposition monitoring at 6 MDN (Mercury Deposition Network) sites located in the state. The newest site in Milwaukee (WI22) became operational in October 2002 and is partly funded by USGS. Statewide coverage is inadequate although there are currently no plans to increase the number of sites. Second, Wisconsin joined Michigan and Minnesota in 1999 to develop a mobile trailer, the Mercury Analysis Trailer (MAT), equipped with two Tekran mercury analyzers. Third, ambient mercury can be collected on adsorbent traps and analyzed by Method IO5 at the SLH (currently used for aircraft sampling). Fourth, mercury surveys can

be conducted near a source using the hand-held Lumex monitor. Fifth, lichens are used to monitor mercury impacts near significant sources.

*Task 1: Speciatied Data* – Monitor for speciated emissions at major Wisconsin mercury sources such as the chlor-alkali facility located in Port Edwards.

The Tekran analyzers jointly operated with Michigan and Minnesota are limited to measuring total elemental mercury. Because reactive mercury may have more impact closer to the source, it is important to quantify the different species of mercury. The Team will work with Michigan and Minnesota to obtain funds to upgrade one of the Tekran analyzers to collect speciated mercury data. This will involve the purchase of a Model 1130 Mercury Speciation Unit, a Model 1135 Particulate Mercury Unit, and support equipment at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

Challenge – Obtaining the necessary funds for equipment, and developing and implementing a monitoring plan for speciated mercury will be difficult.

*Task 2: MDN Sites* – Assure adequate statewide coverage of mercury deposition data available in Wisconsin by increasing the number of MDN sites or moving existing sites.

Challenges: Monitoring personnel are at 100% capacity for workload. Some sampling methods take additional personnel time (i.e. event sampling) whereas others would take minimal time if overlapped with other monitoring duties. We will work with monitoring staff to take advantage of these overlaps where possible. We can also gain additional data by identifying and partnering with other parties doing mercury monitoring such as the University of Wisconsin and Tribal Governments in Wisconsin.

Task 3: Mercury Flux - Propose a field study of mercury flux and seek funding for the project.

Challenge - Traditional field studies of mercury flux are very expensive and difficult to fund. The large amount of funds needed makes it less attractive to be awarded a grant because most of the pool of money to distribute could be taken up by this one project alone. The Team will propose a much less costly field study to measure the vertical dry deposition flux of elemental gaseous mercury (Hg0) and reactive gaseous mercury (RGM) based on a conditional sampling method reported by Beverland et al for nitrogen flux measurements. This methodology would provide an important insight to the degree that Hg0 dry deposition contributes to the overall Hg mass loading to land and water surfaces.

*Task 4: Northern MDN Sites* – Analyze data trends for the three northern MDN sites in Wisconsin.

Challenge: Wisconsin currently does not have adequate statewide coverage of mercury wet deposition. Since it is very difficult to obtain funds to set up and operate additional MDN sites in the state, it may be feasible to relocate one of three Wisconsin MDN sites that are placed relatively close to each other in northern Wisconsin. The most compelling reason not to relocate one of the northern monitors is losing the history of data that provides information about trends. Therefore, an analysis is needed of the mercury data obtained from the three northern Wisconsin MDN sites. This analysis will answer the question if the three northern MDN sites provide unique trends data worth preserving or if one or more of the monitors "mirror" each other in trends and could more reasonably be moved without a loss of important information.

*Task 5: Other Sources* - Identify and monitor other sources of mercury using the Lumex and Tekran monitors.

Challenge – The current inventory may not be complete in regard to all sources of mercury emissions. Although the Lumex monitor does not give quantitative or speciated information about mercury emission sources, it is very valuable in identifying whether or not a given source is emitting mercury. The inventory developers and permit engineers can investigate sources and recommend further research for those sources that show promise based on Lumex readings. Once identified by the LUMEX, sources may be scheduled for more intensive studies. Short term monitoring studies (30 –day studies) using the Mercury Analysis Trailer will provide information on the local impacts of the source and the factors effecting the emissions/impacts. Factors may include time of day, temperature, wind direction and wind speed.

### Support HGCAMx Development

Environ and Atmospheric Environmental Research (AER) have been contracted to develop a version of CAMx that includes Mercury (Hg) chemistry and deposition. As part of that contract, Wisconsin agreed to give support for inventory development, meteorological modeling, and assessment of model performance. Our obligations include:

999 Inventory for Criteria Pollutants and Mercury – Environ/AER will provide the 1998/1999 inventory that has been used in other modeling exercises. The team will compare this inventory to the 1999 NEI inventories being used by LADCO and Wisconsin. Wisconsin will provide model ready files to Environ/AER to use with HGCAMx.

A nnual MM5 Output for Continental United States – The team will provide 2002 annual meteorological outputs using MM5 for the meteorological modeling domain and modeling protocol being used in LADCO's PM/Haze modeling.

odel Performance Assessment – The team will provide mercury chemistry deposition modeling runs needed to assess the performance of HGCAMx.

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# **Workplan**

**Table 1: Proposed Activities and Time Estimates** 

Activity Category	Task	Cost	Total Hours 2003	Expected Completion Date	Individuals Involved
Inventory Development	1999 NEI for HAPS		240	Ongoing	Grant Hetherington (80) Orlando Cabrera-Rivera (40) Gwendolyn Judson (120)
	Develop Canadian inventory for criteria and HAPS		60	03/01/03	Gwendolyn Judson
	QA/QC of mercury inventory.		670	Ongoing	Grant Hetherington (275) Orlando Cabrera-Rivera (275) Gwendolyn Judson (120)
	Identify missing sources		1220	Ongoing	Grant Hetherington (456) Orlando Cabrera-Rivera (456) Grace Liu (288) David Grande (20)
	Assess sources of mercury		100	Ongoing	Grant Hetherington (50) Orlando Cabrera-Rivera (50)
	Share inventory with partners and other interested parties		20	Ongoing	Grant Hetherington (10) Orlando Cabrera-Rivera (10)
Atmospheric Modeling	Run mercury modeling system for 36km National RPO grid		610	07/15/03	Gwen Judson (260) Wusheng Ji (90) Mike Majewski (260)
	Analyze sensitivity of modeling system to meteorological inputs (12/4 km runs)		1630	09/01/03	Gwen Judson (260) Wusheng Ji (890) Mike Majewski (260)
	Change from REMSAD to HGCAMx mercury modeling		260	08/01/03	Mike Majewski
	Evaluate and update emissions model as necessary		120	Ongoing	Gwendolyn Judson
	Write draft report of modeling system with nested grids		240	09/01/03	Gwendolyn Judson (80) Grant Hetherington (40) Mike Majewski (40) Wusheng Ji (80)

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	Solicit peer review of draft modeling report	\$0 - \$15,000	40	09/15/03	Marty Burkholder
	Complete final report, incorporate comments, and distribute report to interested parties		80	11/01/03	Gwendolyn Judson
Monitoring	Monitor for speciated emissions (e.g. chlor-alkali plant)	\$75,000	40+	Ongoing	Mark Allen Monitoring Staff
	Assure adequate statewide coverage of MDN sites	Each additional MDN site:  • \$5,000 one time cost  • \$18,000 annual cost	40	Ongoing	Mark Allen Monitoring Staff
	Propose and seek funding for a field study of mercury flux	The study will need funding of approx. \$60,000.	60	1/31/03	Mark Allen (20) Bill Adamski (20) Marty Burkholder (20)
	Analyze data trends for three northern MDN sites in Wisconsin DNR		80	09/01/03	Bill Adamski
	Identify and monitor other sources of mercury		100	Ongoing	David Grande (80) Mark Allen (20)
Support HGCAMx Development	Provide 1999 inventories for criteria and mercury		240	04/01/03	Grant Hetherington (60) Orlando Cabrera-Rivera (60) Gwendolyn Judson (120)
	Provide annual MM5 output for National RPO grid		520	04/01/03	Wusheng Ji
	Provide modeling runs needed to assess performance of HGCAMx		260	06/01/03	Mike Majewski

**Table 2: Work Plan Analysis** 

Name	,	sk	Time Code	Hours per Year	Total % FTE (1820 hrs/yr)	% FY 2002- 2003	% FY 2003- 2004
Bill Adamski	1.	Propose funding for Hg flux field study	AMHG	80	9.45%	100	0
			AMHG	80	0.1070	70	30
	3.	Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings	AMHG	12		50	50
Mark Allen	1.	MAT Improvements	AMGE-01	40	7.25%	50	50
	2.	Mercury Monitoring Studies	AMGE-01	80		50	50
	3.	Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings	AMHG	12		50	50
Marty Burkholder	1.		AMHG	40	22.42%	0	100
	2.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
		mercury flux	AMHG	20		100	0
	3.	Semi-Annual Reports to EPA (grant requirement)	AMHG	16		50	50
	4.	Report Writing	AMHG	160		50	50
	5.	Miscellaneous Administration (reviews,					
		preparation, etc.)	AMHG	80		50	50
	6.	Additional Grant Writing	AMHG	80		50	50
	7.	Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings	AMHG	12		50	50
Orlando Cabrera-	1.	Provide preliminary inventory for HGCAMx			49.62%		
Rivera		evaluation	AMHG	60		100	0
	2.	1999 NEI for HAPs	AMHG	40		60	40
	3.	QA/QC	AMHG	275		40	60
	4.	Missing Sources	AMHG	456		60	40
	5.	Assessment of Mercury Sources	AMHG	50		75	25
	6.	Inventory Sharing	AMHG	10		50	50
	7.	Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings	AMHG	12		50	50
David Grande	1.	Missing Sources	AMHG	100	5.49%	50	50
Jon Heinrich	1.	Preparation of team products	AMGE-17	34	4.40%	50	50
	2.	Review of team products	AMGE-17	34		50	50
	3.	Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings	AMGE-17	12		50	50
Grant Hetherington	1.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			58.41%		
		evaluation	AMHG	60		100	
	2.	1999 NEI for HAPs	AMHG	80		60	40
	3.	QA/QC	AMHG	275		40	60
	4.	Missing Sources	AMHG	456		60	40
	5.	Assessment of Mercury Sources	AMHG	50		75	25
	6.	Inventory Sharing	AMHG	10		50	50
	7.	Write draft report on modeling system for inventory	AMHG	40		0	100

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	8. Miscellaneous Administration (reviews,					
	preparation, etc.)	AMHG	80		50	50
	<ol><li>Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings</li></ol>	AMHG	12		50	50
Gwendolyn Judson	Translation of Canadian Inventories	AMHG (33%)	20	81.10%	100	0
-		AMGE-06 (33%)	20		100	0
		AMGE-07 (33%)	20		100	0
	<ol><li>Provide model ready HG files for HGCAMx</li></ol>					
	evaluation	AMHG	120		100	0
	3. Hg Emission Inventory QA/QC using EMS-2001	AMHG	120		70	30
	4. Hg Emission Inventory Support / Speciation	AMHG	120		50	50
	5. Hg Emission Modeling	AMHG	520		50	50
	6. Primary Author of Draft Report of modeling syst	em AMHG	80		0	100
	7. Write Final Report of modeling system					
	incorporating peer review and comments	AMHG	80		0	100
	8. Distribution of Final Report	AMHG	20		0	100
	9. Write Hg Team Quarterly Reports	AMHG	80		50	50
	10. Hg Analysis Team Planning and Organization	AMHG	24		50	50
	11. Evaluate and update emission model as needed	d AMHG	160		50	50
	12. Miscellaneous Administration (reviews,					
	preparation, etc.)	AMHG	80		50	50
	13. Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings	AMHG	12		50	50
Wusheng Ji	1. MM5 Model Set-up and Application for Mercury	1		87.47%		
J	Modeling Episode (12/4 km run)	AMHG	20		100	0
	2. MM5 Model Sensitivity Tests and Production Ru					
	for Mercury Modeling Episode (12/4 km run)	AMHG	780		30	70
	3. Model Performance Evaluation (36 & 12/4 km ru		100		50	50
	4. Interpolation of MM5 Output Files into Mercury	- ,				
	Model File Format (36 & 12/4 km run)	AMHG	80		20	80
	5. Write Draft Report of modeling system for	_			_	
	meteorological modeling	AMHG	80		0	100
	6. MM5 Annual Runs for Year 2002 (HGCAMx	_			_	
	support)	AMHG	520		100	0
	7. Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings	AMHG	12		50	50
Grace Liu	Missing Sources	AMHG	288	18.68%	25	75
	Miscellaneous Administration (reviews,				_0	. 3
	preparation, etc.)	AMHG	40		50	50
	3. Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings	AMHG	12		50	50

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Mike Majewski	Run Mercury Modeling System for National 36km	_		61.32%		
	RPO Grid	AMHG	260		50	50
	Analyze Sensitivity of Model to Meteorological	A N 41 1 C	000		50	50
	Inputs  Change Modeling System from REMSAD to	AMHG	260		50	50
	<ol> <li>Change Modeling System from REMSAD to HGCAMx</li> </ol>	AMHG	260		50	50
	Provide Modeling Runs Needed to Assess	7 (WII 10	200		00	00
	Performance of HGCAMx	AMHG	260		100	0
	<ol><li>Write Draft Report for modeling system for</li></ol>					
	photochemical modeling	AMHG	40		0	100
	<ol><li>Miscellaneous Administration (reviews,</li></ol>					
	preparation, etc.)	AMHG	24		50	50
	<ol><li>Attendance of Hg Analysis Team Meetings</li></ol>	AMHG	12		50	50